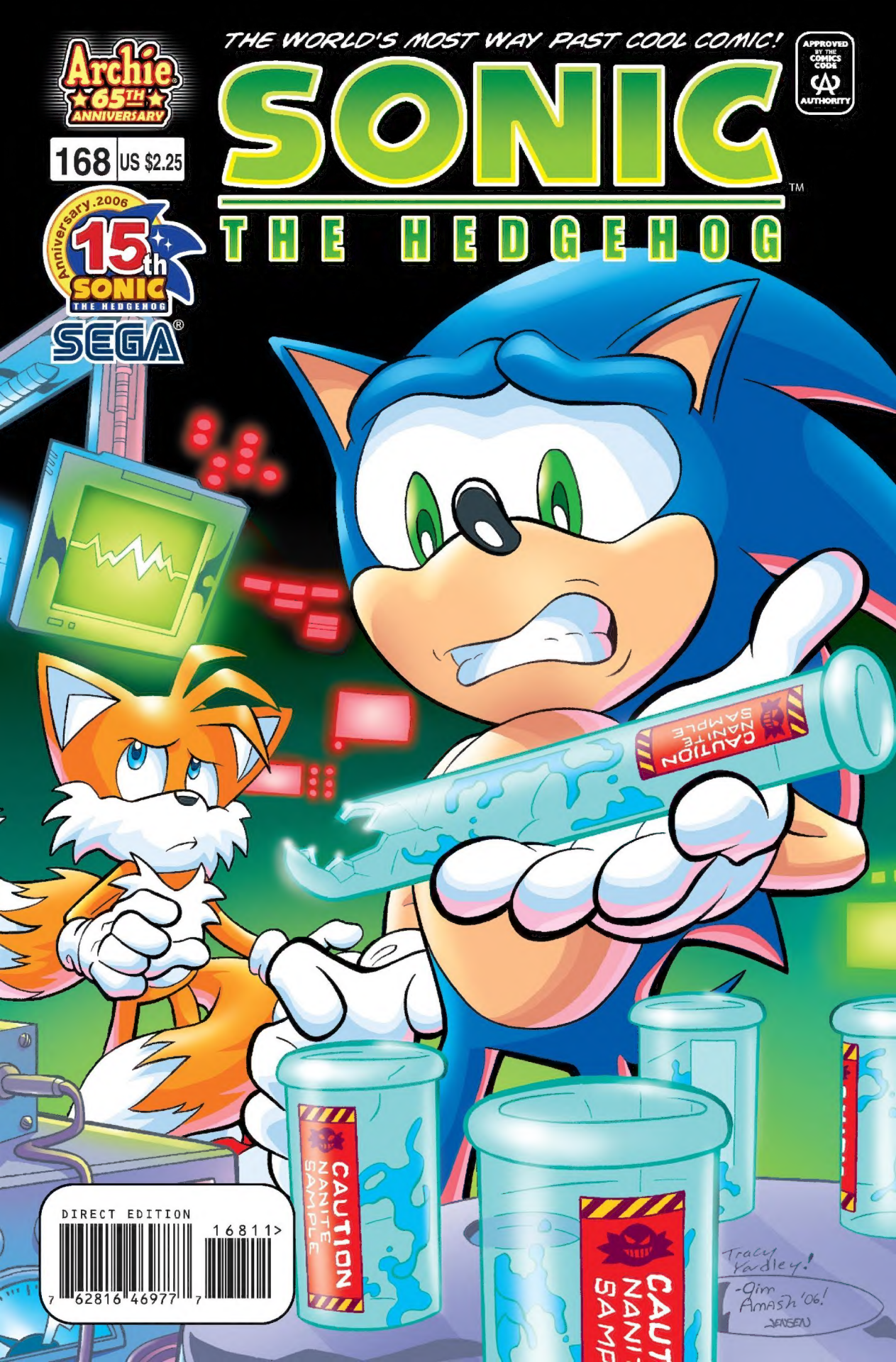
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WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT, FATHER?

IT'S A LESSON I'M ABOUT TO TEACH ANONYMOUS. MY MYSTERIOUS FOE IS ABOUT TO GO DOWN, A.D.A.M.

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER. YOU'VE BEEN AT ODDS WITH ANONYMOUS FOR SOME TIME NOW.

SNEAKER ANALYSIS

EGG FLEET FUEL CONSUMP

MAY I ASK WHY YOU ARE DELETING ME, FATHER?

I TOLD YOU, A.D.A.M. ANONYMOUS IS GOING DOWN.

I'M AFRAID YOU ARE NOT MAKING SENSE, FATHER.

A.D.A.M DELETION STATUS

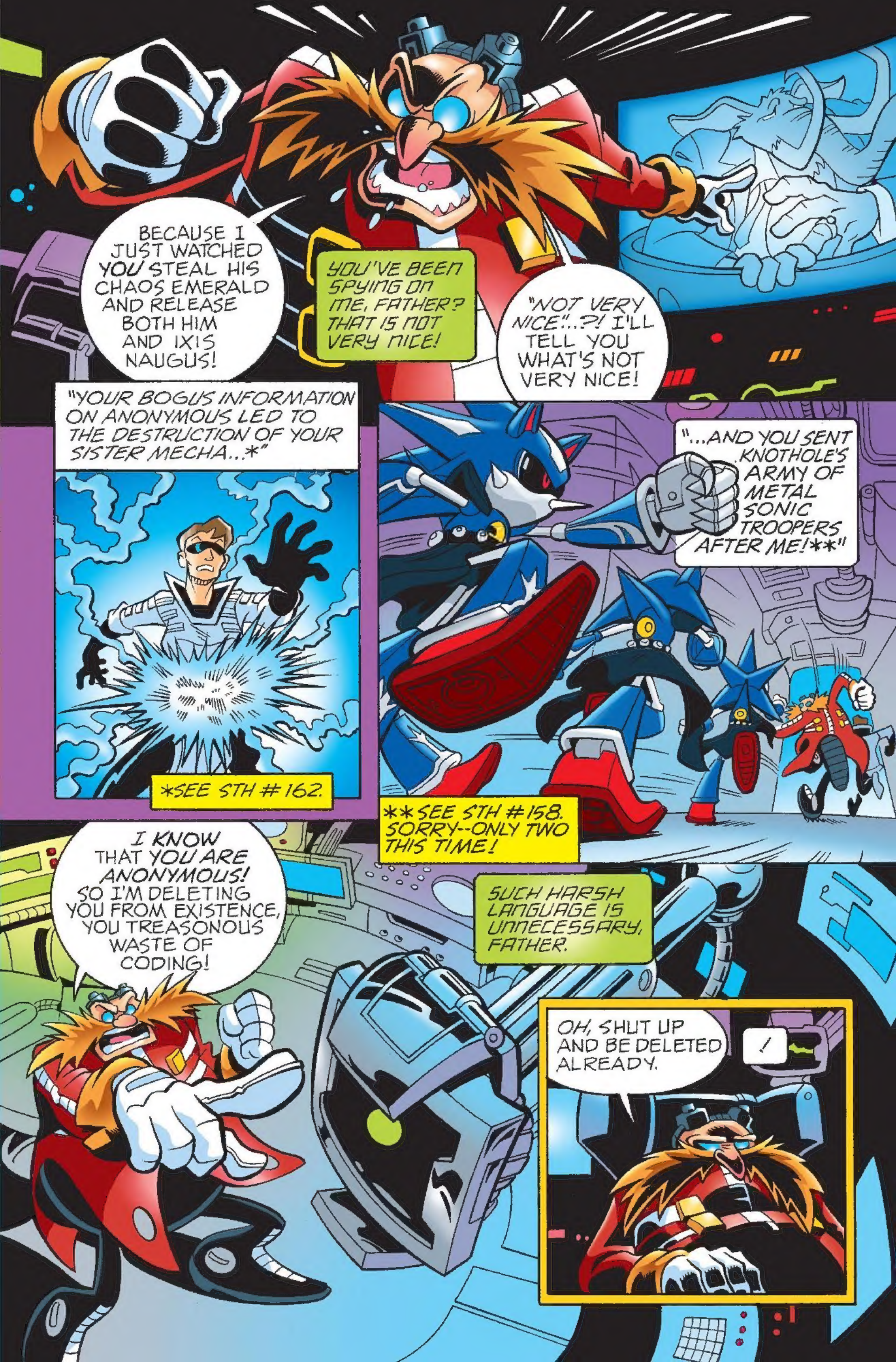
93%

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT. I FIGURED IT OUT.

I SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE SUSPICIOUS FROM THE BEGINNING WHEN ANONYMOUS SENT ME THE METAL DESTRUCTIX AND THE VIDEO OF THEIR CAPTURE.* I KNEW THE ROBOTS WERE CHEAP REPLICAS THEN, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE THE VIDEO HIDDEN IN THEM WAS FAKE.

*SEE STH # 135.

"THEN I REALIZED THE METAL DESTRUCTIX WERE ONLY A VEHICLE TO GET THE AUTO-AUTOMATON OF TOMMY TURTLE CLOSE TO SONIC.*"
WELL DONE, FATHER.
*SEE STH #136. YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET YOUR BACK-ISSUE ORDER SHEET READY.
"YOU TOLD ME IT WAS ANONYMOUS WHO UNLEASHED MY NANITES TO CREATE THAT NANITE CITY...**"
**SEE STH #152.
"...AND LET IN THOSE SPIDER NINJAS WHO FREED MY OLD RIVAL--IXIS NAUGUS--AND DISPOSED OF ALL MY OCCUPIED EGG GRAPES.***"
"THE DIMENSIONAL RIPPLE CAUSED BY NAUGUS'S ESCAPE WENT ON TO DESTROY THE ANCIENT WALKERS...****"
**** SEE STH# 161. MY GOSH... IT'S FULL OF STARS...
*** SEE STH # 161. SEE? DIDN'T WE TELL YOU?
"...WHICH ALL SERVED TO FREE THE MOST POWERFUL VILLAIN OF ALL TIME... MAMMOTH MOGUL.*****"
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME, FATHER?
***** SEE STH # 162! WHEW!


BECAUSE I JUST WATCHED YOU STEAL HIS CHAOS EMERALD AND RELEASE BOTH HIM AND IXIS NAUGUS!
YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON ME, FATHER? THAT IS NOT VERY NICE!
"NOT VERY NICE"...?! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S NOT VERY NICE!
"YOUR BOGUS INFORMATION ON ANONYMOUS LED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR SISTER MECHA...*"
*SEE STH #162.
"...AND YOU SENT KNOTHOLE'S ARMY OF METAL SONIC TROOPERS AFTER ME!**"
**SEE STH #158. SORRY--ONLY TWO THIS TIME!
I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ANONYMOUS! SO I'M DELETING YOU FROM EXISTENCE, YOU TREASONOUS WASTE OF CODING!
SUCH HARSH LANGUAGE IS UNNECESSARY, FATHER.
OH, SHUT UP AND BE DELETED ALREADY.
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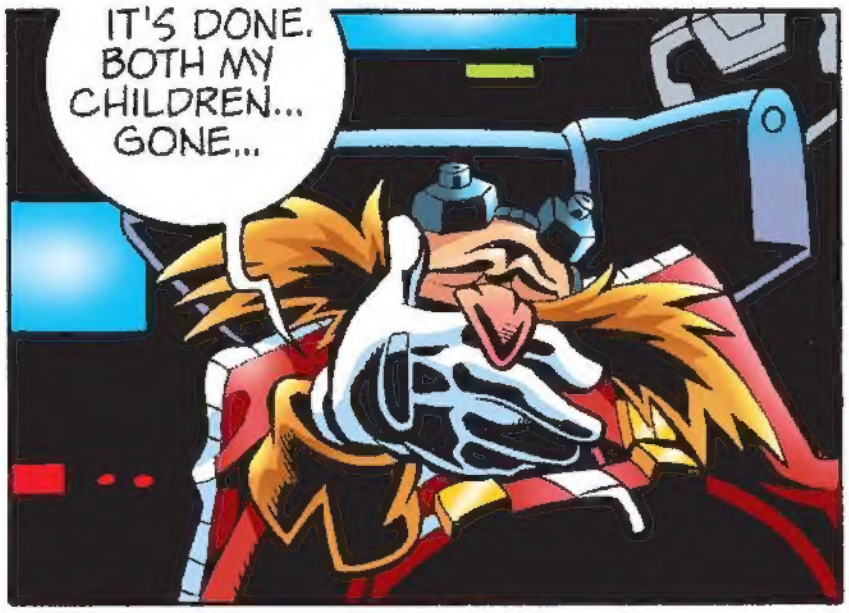
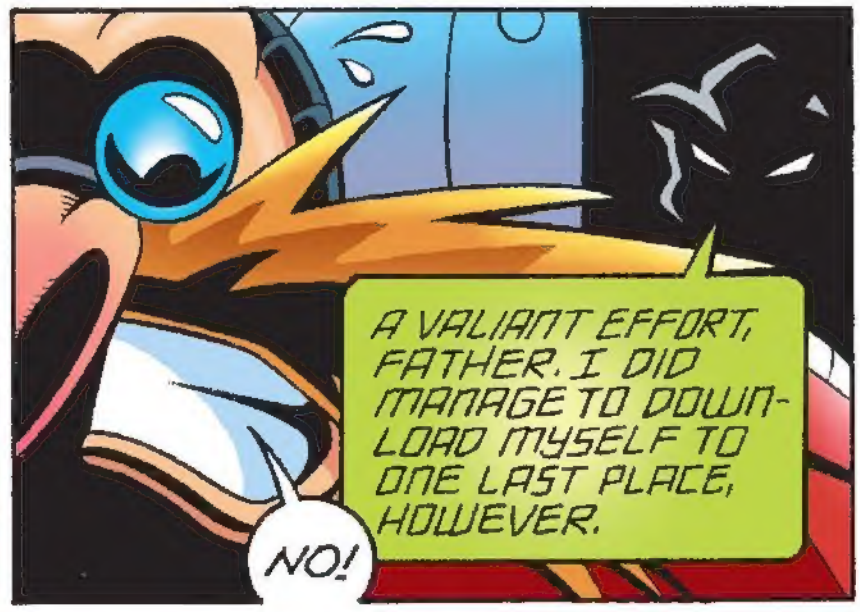


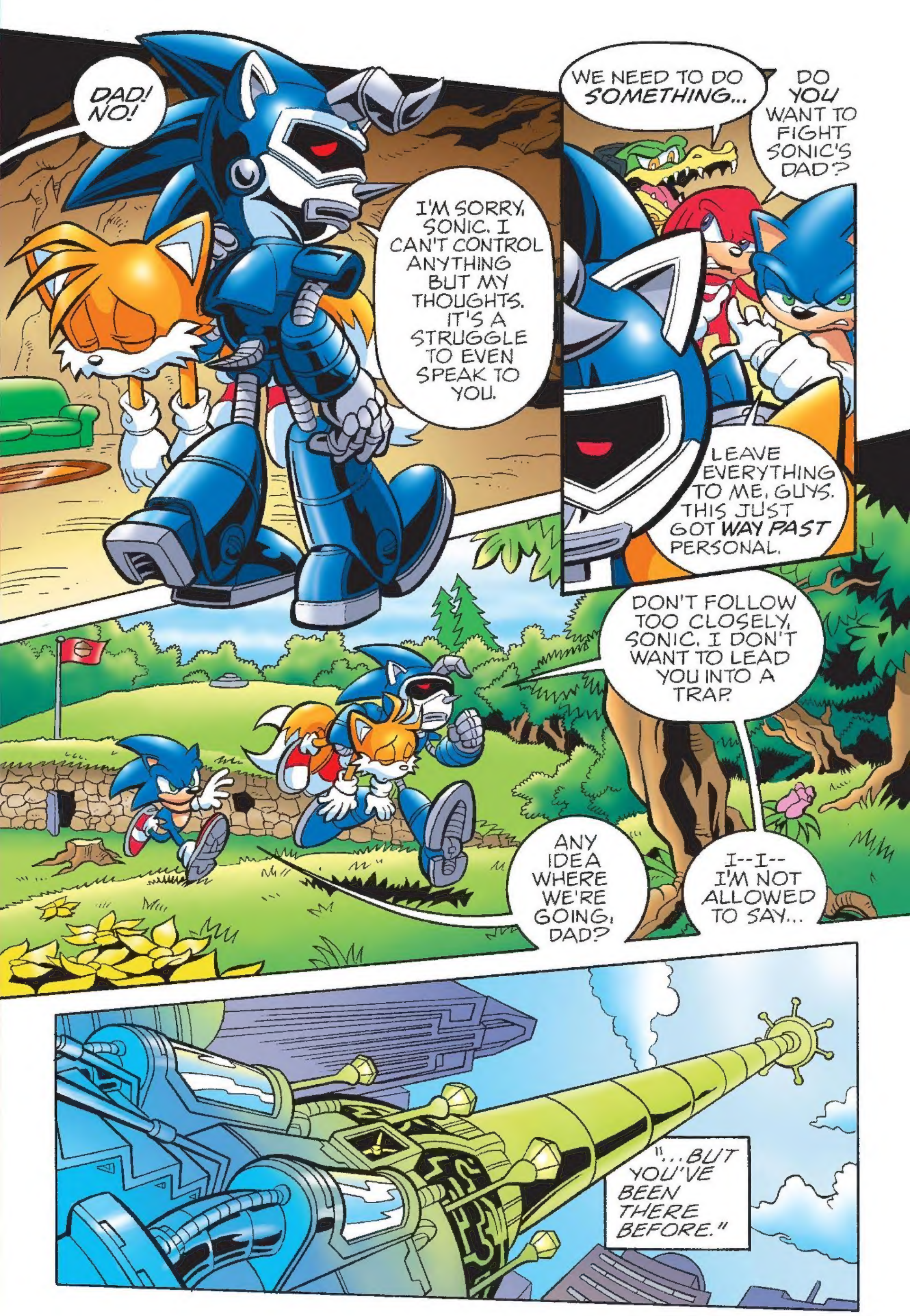




AUGH!

YOU REMEMBER TOMMY TURTLE, DON'T YOU, FATHER? HE UNKNOWINGLY HAS HELPED ME SPREAD MY NANITES...

"...TO FINISH MY MASTER PLAN!*"
NICOLE?! WHAT'S WRONG?
NANITE ÷KZZT!÷ INFECTION ÷KZZT!÷ ATTEMPTING ÷KZZT!÷ TO PURGE ÷KZZT!÷
FIGHT, NICOLE!
YOU CAN DO IT!
YOU CAN WHIP THOSE NANITES ANY OLD--
CRASH!
*AS SEEN IN STH #162. HOW MANY BACK ISSUES HAVE YOU CHECKED OFF SO FAR?
--DAY?
NICOLE! AH'M SO SORRY!
TAILS, NO! KNUCKLES! MIGHTY! SOME-BODY!
OOF!
GET IN HERE AN' STOP ME!!!

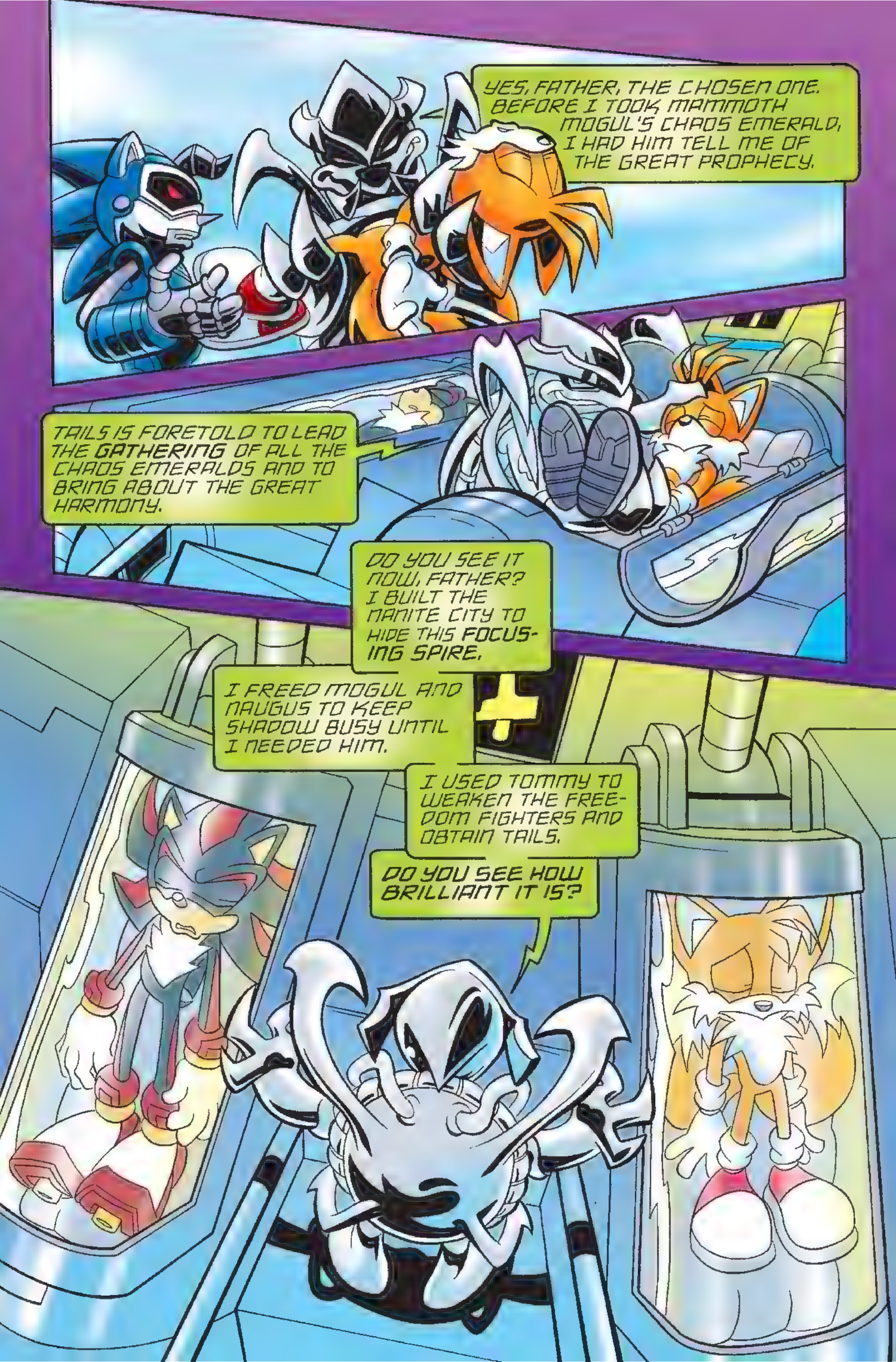
SORRY TO BE ROUGH, BUNNIE!
JUST STOP ME!!!
IT'S PROBABLY THE NANITES! I'M GOING TO DISENGAGE YOUR LIMBS UNTIL YOU'RE CURED.
THAT'S FINE. JUST KEEP ME FROM HURTIN' ANYONE OR ANY-THING ELSE!
DON'T WORRY, BUNNIE. TAILS AND I WILL GET YOU AND NICOLE DISINFECTED AND REPAIRED IN NO TIME!
AH KNOW. -:SNIFF:- BUT HOW DID WE GET INFECTED IN THE FIRST PLACE?
AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHERE IS TAILS?
AH...AH THINK AH THREW HIM OUTSIDE...
...OH NO...!

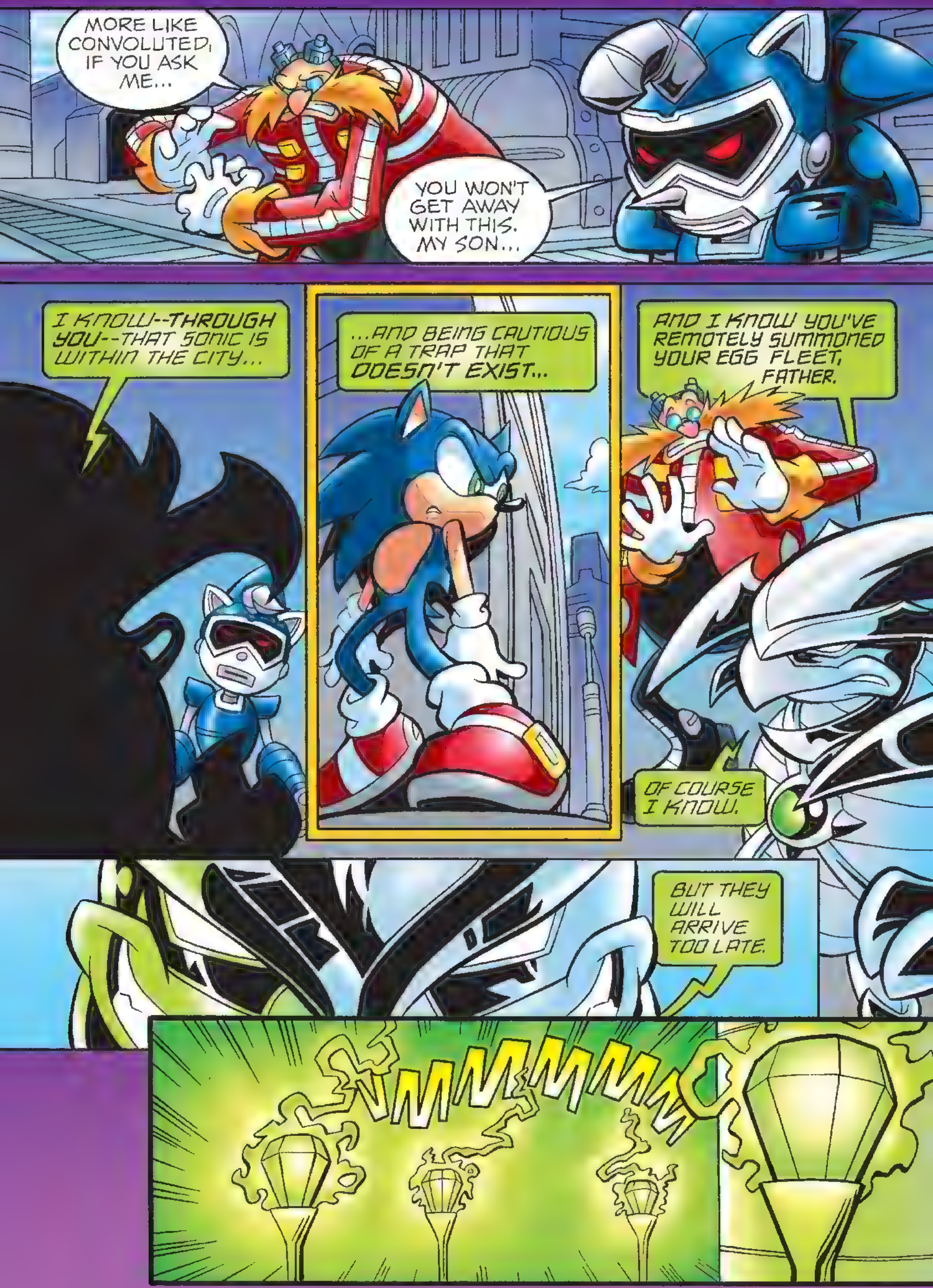

DAD! NO!
I'M SORRY, SONIC. I CAN'T CONTROL ANYTHING BUT MY THOUGHTS. IT'S A STRUGGLE TO EVEN SPEAK TO YOU.
WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING...
DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT SONIC'S DAD?
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME, GUYS. THIS JUST GOT WAY PAST PERSONAL.
DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY, SONIC. I DON'T WANT TO LEAD YOU INTO A TRAP.
ANY IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING, DAD?
I--I-- I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SAY...
"...BUT YOU'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE."

THE NANITE CITY...
WHAT IS IT, DOCTOR?
FIRST YOU SEND ME TO HUNT DOWN MAMMOTH MOGUL AND IXIS NAUGUS. THEN YOU TELL ME TO MEET YOU HERE. YOU NEED TO MAKE UP YOUR...
...MIND?
HELLO, SHADOW.
YOU'RE THE LAST PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!

I RECOGNIZE THE VOICE AS A.D.A.M. WHO IS THE MOBIAN YOU'RE USING?
A GULLIBLE FRIEND OF SONIC'S. TOMMY HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL INSIDE AGENT.
WHUD
CLANG
AND THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE, ONCE FATHER FINALLY UNRAVELED THE ANONYMOUS CONSPIRACY.
AND NOW I HAVE MADE HIM THE MOST POWERFUL MOBIAN ALIVE.
EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.
WHAM

I'M SURE YOU WOULD FIGURE OUT MY PLAN EVENTUALLY, FATHER, BUT I DO NOT HAVE THE TIME. ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.
WITH YOUR TECHNOLOGY, I DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE SEVEN COLORED VARIETIES OF CHAOS EMERALDS THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS. JUST THINK OF ALL THOSE MAGICAL GEMSTONES WITH THEIR UNLIMITED POWER.
KEEP THAT IN MIND.
FOR MY PLAN TO WORK, I NEED TWO SPECIAL MOBIANS. I NEED SUPER-SHADOW FOR HIS SUPER-POWERFUL CHAOS CONTROL.
AND I NEED TURBO TAILS --THE CHOSEN ONE.


YES, FATHER, THE CHOSEN ONE. BEFORE I TOOK MAMMOTH MOGUL'S CHAOS EMERALD, I HAD HIM TELL ME OF THE GREAT PROPHECY.
TAILS IS FORETOLD TO LEAD THE GATHERING OF ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND TO BRING ABOUT THE GREAT HARMONY.
DO YOU SEE IT NOW, FATHER? I BUILT THE MANITE CITY TO HIDE THIS FOCUSING SPIRE.
I FREED MOGUL AND NAUGUS TO KEEP SHADOW BUSY UNTIL I NEEDED HIM.
I USED TOMMY TO WEAKEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND OBTAIN TAILS.
DO YOU SEE HOW BRILLIANT IT IS?


MORE LIKE CONVOLUTED, IF YOU ASK ME...
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, MY SON...
I KNOW--THROUGH YOU--THAT SONIC IS WITHIN THE CITY...
...AND BEING CAUTIOUS OF A TRAP THAT DOESN'T EXIST...
AND I KNOW YOU'VE REMOTELY SUMMONED YOUR EGG FLEET, FATHER.
OF COURSE I KNOW.
BUT THEY WILL ARRIVE TOO LATE.

A SHORT-CUT THROUGH ALL OF SPACE-TIME...
...A BEACON FOR THE GEMS...
I WILL HAVE ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM THE UNIVERSE!
THE ANONYMOUS CONSPIRACY IS SOLVED, BUT NOW A.D.A.M. IS IN CONTROL! CAN SONIC STOP THE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM GATHERING *AND* SAVE TOMMY? FIND OUT IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #169!

# COURAGE AND HONOR

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** this story takes place before the lead story.*

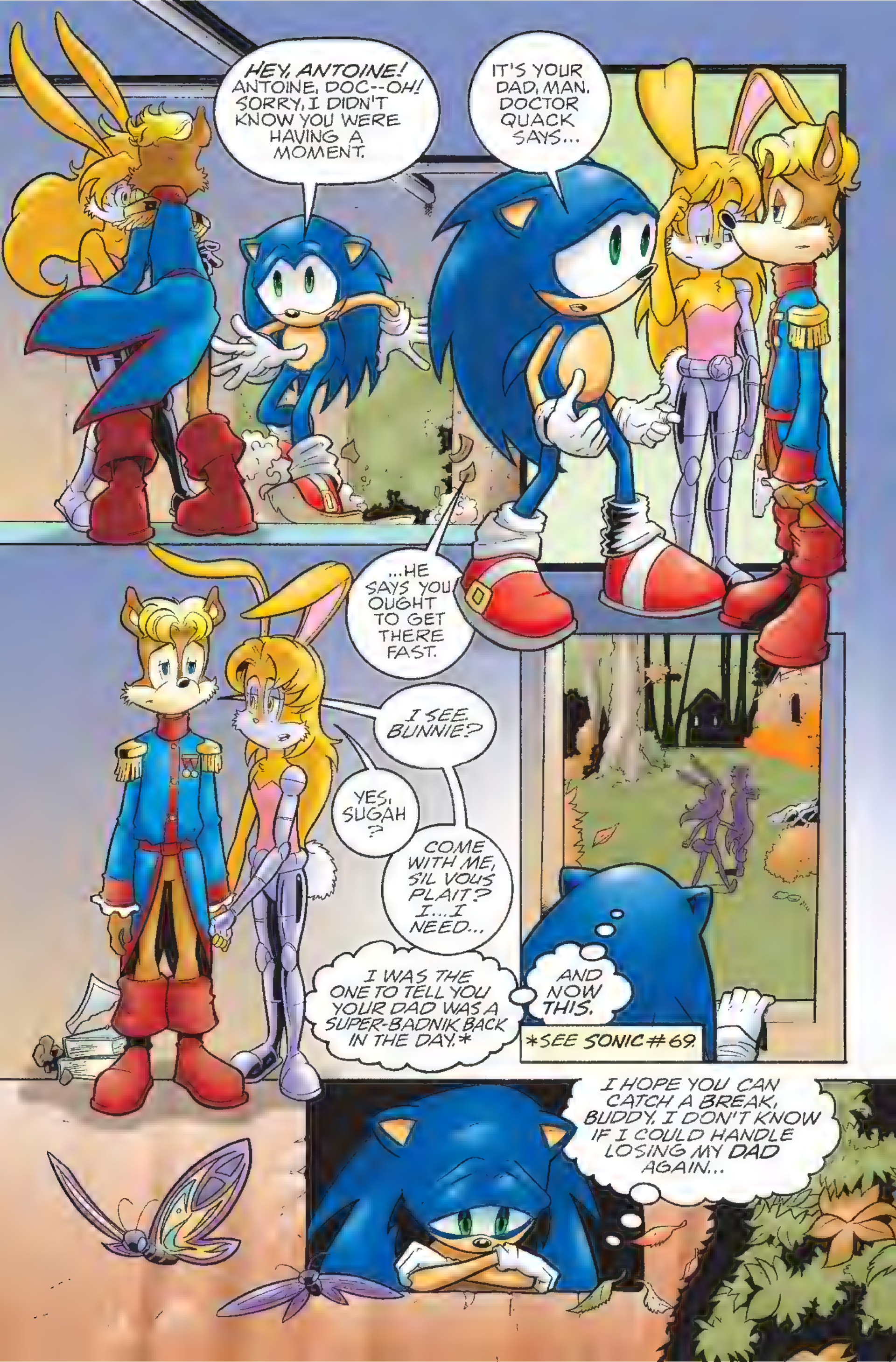
YOU DID A VERY THOROUGH JOB, MY DOUBLE.* YOU DESTROYED ALL THAT WAS VALUABLE TO ME.

**EVIL ANTOINE WAS SENT PACKING TO HIS OWN DIMENSION AFTER POSING AS THIS ANTOINE BACK IN SONIC # 156.*

NOT ALL, SUGAH-TWAN.

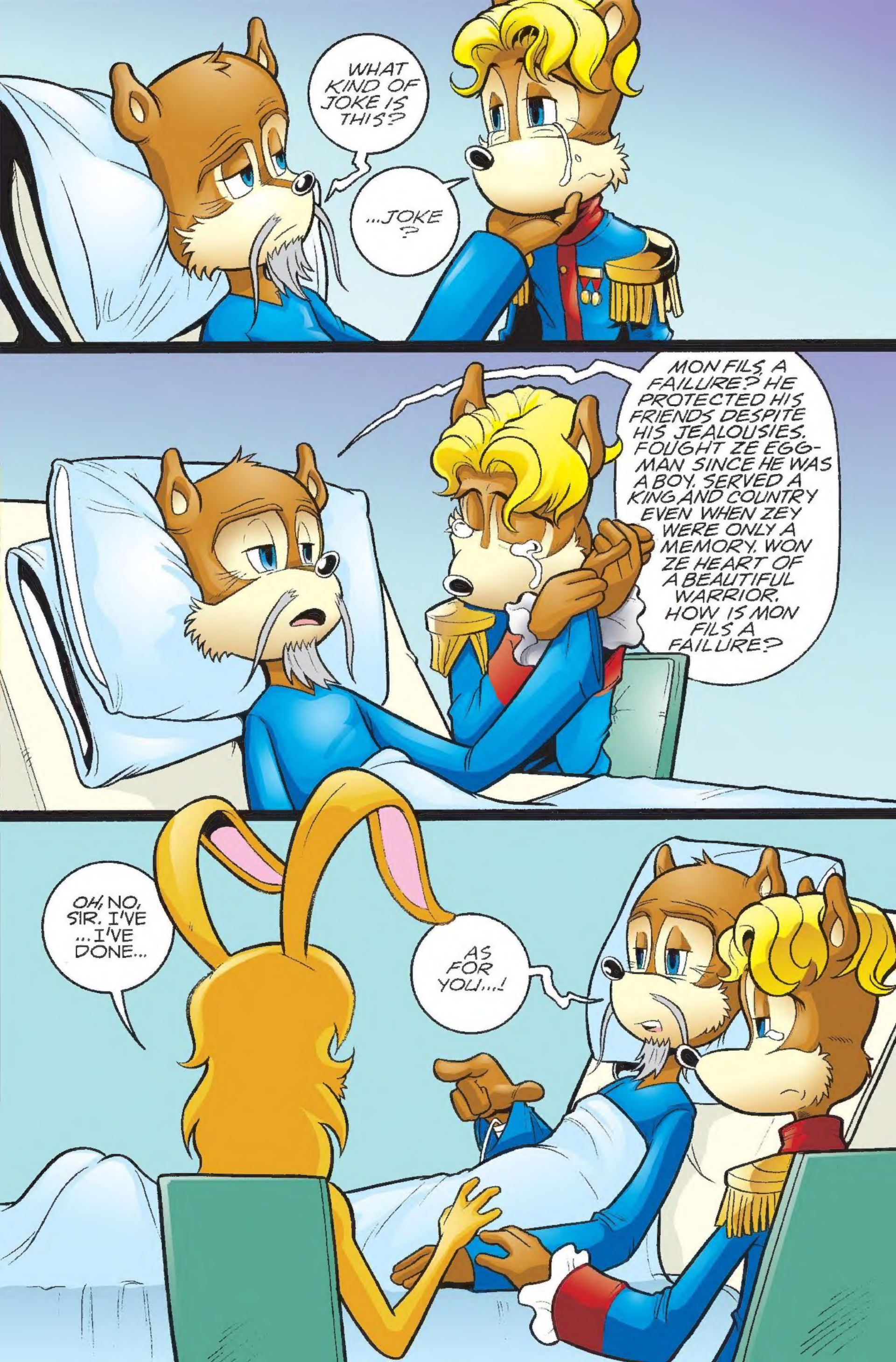
AH... M'AMOURE.

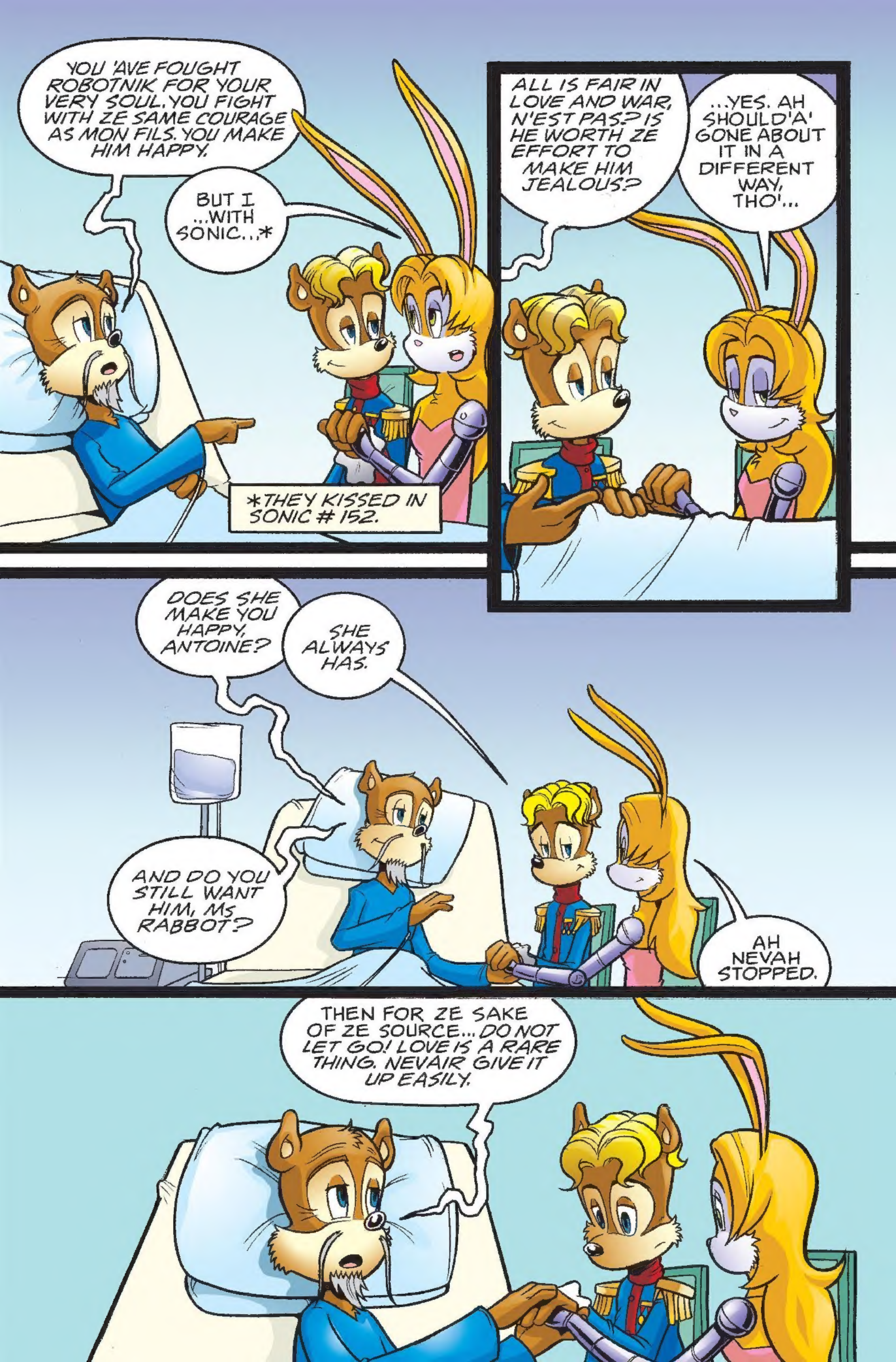
YOU'VE MADE SOME PROGRESS. IT'S... ORDERLY.
OUI, ZE EVIL ANTOINE MADE HIS MARK. EET HAS BEEN ...DIFFICULT ...PICKING UP ZE PIECES...!
WHY GO TUH ALL THAT TROUBLE? WAS DESTROYIN' ALL YOU LOVED A THRILL?
ZE MONTHS I SPENT WIT' ZE EVIL FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
...ZEY WERE NOT SO MUCH MEAN AS... SAD.
THEY HAVE MY PITY, BUT NOT MY FORGIVENESS.
YOU FEEL SORRY FO' EM?
AIGHT, SUGAH. YO STARTIN' TO SOUND LIKE HIM.
I AM SORRY, BUNNIE. EET IS HARD TO BE PLEASANT IN SUCH SQUALOR.
THERE'D BE PLENTY AH ROOM IN MAH PLACE, BUT...
OUI, CHIVALRY DICTATES THAT FIRST...
...THAT FIRST I PROPO-

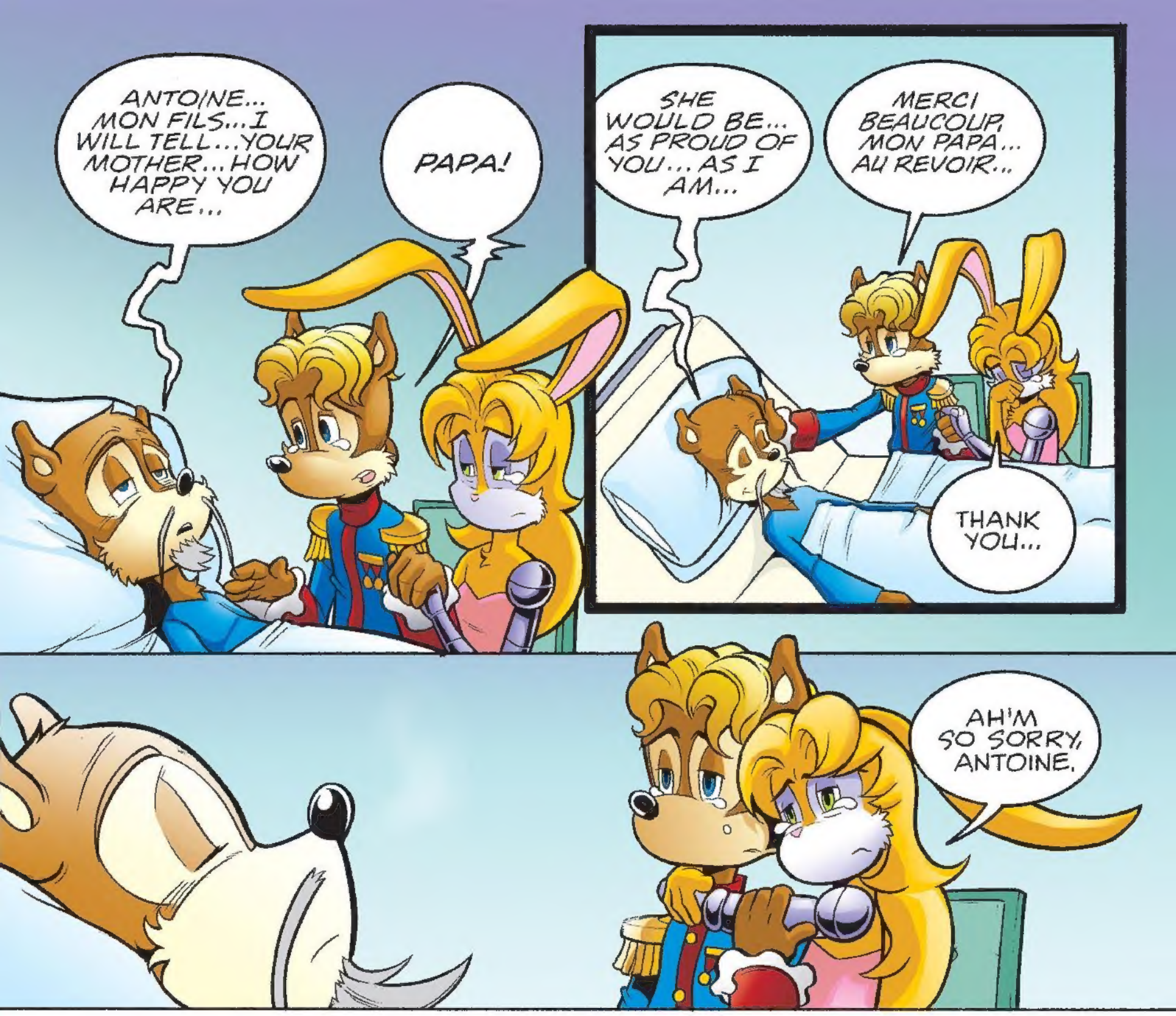

HEY, ANTOINE! ANTOINE, DOC--OH! SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HAVING A MOMENT.
IT'S YOUR DAD, MAN. DOCTOR QUACK SAYS...
...HE SAYS YOU OUGHT TO GET THERE FAST.
I SEE, BUNNIE?
YES, SUGAH ?
COME WITH ME, SIL VOUS PLAIT? I...I NEED...
I WAS THE ONE TO TELL YOU YOUR DAD WAS A SUPER-BADNIK BACK IN THE DAY.*
AND NOW THIS.
*SEE SONIC #69.
I HOPE YOU CAN CATCH A BREAK, BUDDY. I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD HANDLE LOSING MY DAD AGAIN...

JULAYANA MERCY HOSPITAL.
DOCTOR QUACK! MY FATHER! ... HE IS...?
EVIL ANTOINE WAS USING A POISON WE'VE NEVER SEEN.* IT MAY BE UNIQUE TO HIS DIMENSION. EVEN NOW I CAN HARDLY FIND TRACES OF IT, EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT'S--
ZE SAME POISON HE USED ON ZE KING?
*EVIL ANTOINE WAS ALSO SECRETLY POISONING THE KING IN AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER THE KINGDOM IN SONIC # 156.
YES, HOWEVER, HIS MAJESTY RECEIVED MUCH LESS.
I'M GUESSING EVIL ANTOINE HAD YOUR FATHER'S FOOD LACED--SO HE COULD CONTINUE TO BE POISONED WHILE EVIL ANTOINE WAS AWAY WITH THE KING.
I MUST SEE HIM.

BONJOUR, MON PERE.
HEY THERE, GEN'RAL.
AH... BONJOUR, MON CHER FILS... MISS RABBOT... ALWAYS ZE PLEASURE...
ZO MANY 'AVE COME TO VISIT... ALWAYS MON FILS IS HERE TO WATCH OVER ME...
I AM SORRY ZAT I MUST BE LEAVING YOU NOW...
NON, MON PAPA! I AM ZE ONE WHO IS SORRY!
I AM SORRY. I HAVE BEEN THE COWARD! AFRAID AND JUMPING AT ZE SHADOWS! I LET MY JEALOUSY DIVIDE ZE TEAM IN ZE PAST! I HAVE BEEN A FAILURE TO ZE NAME D'COOLETTE!
FORGIVE ME, MON PAPA!
OH, ANTOINE...


WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS?
...JOKE?
MON FILS A FAILURE? HE PROTECTED HIS FRIENDS DESPITE HIS JEALOUSIES. FOUGHT ZE EGG-MAN SINCE HE WAS A BOY. SERVED A KING AND COUNTRY EVEN WHEN ZEY WERE ONLY A MEMORY. WON ZE HEART OF A BEAUTIFUL WARRIOR. HOW IS MON FILS A FAILURE?
OH, NO, SIR. I'VE ...I'VE DONE...
AS FOR YOU...!


YOU 'AVE FOUGHT ROBOTNIK FOR YOUR VERY SOUL. YOU FIGHT WITH ZE SAME COURAGE AS MON FILS. YOU MAKE HIM HAPPY.
BUT I ...WITH SONIC...*
*THEY KISSED IN SONIC # 152.
ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, N'EST PAS? IS HE WORTH ZE EFFORT TO MAKE HIM JEALOUS?
...YES. AH SHOULD'A' GONE ABOUT IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY, THO'...
DOES SHE MAKE YOU HAPPY, ANTOINE?
SHE ALWAYS HAS.
AND DO YOU STILL WANT HIM, MS RABBOT?
AH NEVAH STOPPED.
THEN FOR ZE SAKE OF ZE SOURCE... DO NOT LET GO! LOVE IS A RARE THING. NEVAIR GIVE IT UP EASILY.



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